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**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** This drug is a medication that has anti-inflammatory properties thereby providing relief from allergic airway diseases and lower airway disease that cause coughing and constriction of the airways. Fluticasone is available in the form of an inhaler and a nasal spray. With inhalation therapy, higher doses of drugs are delivered to the lungs and absorbed while minimizing side effects to the rest of the body.

**WHAT IS THIS DRUG?**

A corticosteroid which has anti-inflammatory activity

Fluticasone is the most potent inhaled corticosteroid

Given by inhalation using an inhaler or applied topically in the nose with a nasal spray

**REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:**

To aid in the treatment of asthma

To aid in the treatment of allergic bronchitis

To aid in the treatment of collapsing trachea

To aid in the treatment of allergy related nasal and sinus conditions

**WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION?**

This medication is not appropriate for the management of an acute respiratory crisis

This medication should be used with caution in animals with diabetes

Animals that are intended for breeding, may be pregnant or nursing

Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this drug should not take this medication

**DIRECTIONS:** Read and follow the prescription label carefully. Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed. Give this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop giving the medication without consulting your veterinarian.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this drug.

Periodic blood work to monitor its effects on the body may also be advised if long-term therapy is necessary

Dose adjustments may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

This medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours, but its effects may not be visibly noticeable for a few days.

Call ahead for refills.

Ideally, give medication at the same time(s) daily.

**DIRECTIONS FOR INHALER WHEN USING A SPACER AND MASK:**

Inhalers should be shaken well prior to each use

Remove cap from inhaler and attach onto spacer and mask

Gently apply mask to your pet's face

As your pet inhales, depress the inhaler to deliver a dose of medication and hold for several breaths

Remove spacer and mask, place cap back on inhaler

Follow manufacturer's cleaning instructions for spacer and mask

#### WHAT IF A DOSE IS MISSED?

If a dose is missed, give it as soon as you can. If it is time already for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to the normal schedule. Do not give two doses at the same time.

#### WHAT TO TELL/ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING THIS MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

When your pet will need to be rechecked

What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with this drug

What are the risks and benefits of using this drug

What environmental factors may be contributing to airway disease in your pet

Tell your veterinarian about:

If your pet has experienced side effects on other drugs/products

If your pet has experienced digestive upset now or ever

If your pet has experienced liver or kidney disease now or ever

If your pet has experienced any other medical problems or allergies now or ever

All medicines and supplements that you are giving your pet or plan to give your pet, including those you can get without a prescription. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your pet's medications can be given together.

If your pet is pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

#### STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Fluticasone should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

Pets that are transitioning from oral steroids to inhaled steroids require a slow weaning period.

Pets that have received long term steroids, should be slowly tapered when discontinuing.

Pets undergoing a stressful event during the tapering process may require additional medications.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

#### POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

The primary objective of steroid therapy is to achieve a satisfactory degree of control with a minimum effective dose

Most side effects are due to long term administration which can have negative effects on the endocrine system, specifically the adrenal glands

Inhaled steroids have few adverse effects compared to injectable or oral formulations

Steroids in general can cause an increase in appetite, weight gain, dull hair coat, darkened thin skin, panting, vomiting, diarrhea, changes to sleep patterns, muscle weakness, and an increase in liver enzymes

Steroids in general can cause an increase in thirst and urination, your pet may have accidents and require to go outside or use the litter box more frequently

Steroids in general can cause cataracts, glaucoma, pancreatitis, diabetes mellitus, gastrointestinal ulceration, and behavior changes

Steroids in general can affect the immune system causing immunosuppression and increased susceptibility to infections, delayed wound healing and impact recovery from infection

If these symptoms persist or you notice anything else unusual, contact your veterinarian

This short-acting medication should stop working within 24 hours, although effects may last longer in pets with liver or kidney disease

CAN THIS DRUG BE GIVEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving Fluticasone in conjunction with ketoconazole

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Fluticasone

Do not give new food or medications without first talking to your veterinarian

If your pet experiences any unusual reactions when taking multiple medications, contact your veterinarian

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I KNOW OF OR SUSPECT THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERDOSE?

Contact your veterinarian immediately if your pet receives more than the prescribed amount.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens despite this treatment.

As with all prescribed medicines, Fluticasone should only be given to the pet for which it was prescribed. It should be given only for the condition for which it was prescribed. Nasal spray formulations should not be used in the eye.

This is just a summary of information about Fluticasone. If you have any questions or concerns about Fluticasone or the condition for which it was prescribed, please contact your veterinarian.